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## **Fat Free Sewer**

Fats, Oils, and Greases aren't just bad for arteries and waistlines; they're bad for sewers too. Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors, and threaten the environment. An increasingly common cause of overflows is sewer pipes blocked by grease. Grease gets into the sewer from household drains as well as from poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other businesses. To help keep our sewers fat free, the City of Norman Utilities Department offers a service unfamiliar to many residential customers in Norman. Residential customers can take their old cooking oils, animal fats and meat grease to the Transfer Station to be recycled. This service is free and the best environmental alternative for **Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)**. FOG, when dumped into the sewer system eventually thickens and sticks to the walls of the sewer pipes. As it builds up in the sewer pipes it chokes the flow and eventually clogs the pipe altogether.

This is the perfect time to remind people of this program. With the Holiday season, comes a lot of extra holiday cooking. And, now you have a proper place to dispose of the used oils and grease that can come from turkey fryers and such. The 300-gallon recycling unit is located at the Sanitation Department's Transfer Station at 3901 South Chautauqua and is free to residential customers (Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM; and Saturday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM).

The FOG program is for residential customers and includes only cooking grade fats, oils and grease, NOT petroleum products. For more information call 292-9731.